

Claims

1. A device for visualizing structured data, wherein the structured data contains at least one folder (1) containing  
5 objects (6) and/or further folders (2), wherein folders (1, 2) can be represented in each case by means of a folder icon (3) using display means (11) and wherein at least one folder property can be processed by at least one first application (4), wherein the contents of the respective folder (1, 2) can be  
10 selected for representation by the display means (11) using first selection means (5) that are linked to the folder icon (3), wherein objects (6) can be represented in each case by means of an object icon (7) using the display means (11) and wherein at least one object property can be processed by at  
15 least one second application (8), the respective second application (8) being selectable by second selection means (9) that are linked to the object icon (7) for the purpose of executing the processing of the respective object property, characterized in that the respective first application (4) can  
20 be selected by third selection means (10) represented in addition to the folder icon (3) using the display means (11) for the purpose of executing the processing of the respective folder property.
- 25 2. The device as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that the structured data is structured in the form of a tree structure.
3. The device as claimed in claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the third selection means (10) can be represented on the same  
30 logical level as the respective folder icon (3).
4. The device as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that folder properties can be copied.

5. The device as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that the representation of the third selection means (10) contains textual information.

5 6. The device as claimed in one of the preceding claims, characterized in that in addition to the represented third selection means (10) textual information can be represented dependent on the position of a display element (13) that can be positioned on a display area (12) of the display means (11).

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7. A method for visualizing von structured data, wherein the structured data contains at least one folder (1) containing objects (6) and/or further folders (2), wherein folders (1, 2) are represented in each case by means of a folder icon (3) using display means (11) and wherein at least one folder property can be processed by at least one first application (4), wherein the contents of the respective folder (1, 2) can be selected for representation using the display means (11) by first selection means (5) that are linked to the folder icon (3), wherein objects (6) are represented in each case by means of an object icon (7) using the display means (11) and wherein at least one object property can be processed by at least one second application (8), the respective second application (8) being selectable by second selection means (9) that are linked to the object icon (7) for the purpose of executing the processing of the respective object property, characterized in that the respective first application (4) can be selected by third selection means (10) represented in addition to the folder icon (3) using the display means (11) for the purpose of executing the processing of the respective folder property.

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8. The method as claimed in claim 7, characterized in that the structured data is structured in the form of a tree structure.

9. The method as claimed in claim 7 or 8, characterized in that the third selection means (10) are represented on the same logical level as the respective folder icon (3).

5 10. The method as claimed in one of the claims 7 to 9, characterized in that folder properties can be copied.

11. The method as claimed in one of the claims 7 to 10, characterized in that the representation of the third selection  
10 means (10) contains textual information.

12. The method as claimed in one of the claims 7 to 11, characterized in that in addition to the represented third selection means (10) textual information is represented  
15 dependent on the position of a display element (13) that can be positioned on a display area (12) of the display means (11).